

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification:

- [23] The door seal 29 comprises four sections, a front edge seal (not shown) which seals between the front facing surface of the inner door panel 27 and the door aperture 28, a rear edge seal(not shown) which seals between the rear facing surface of the inner door panel 27 and the door aperture 28, an upper edge seal (not shown) which seals between the upper facing surface of the inner door panel 27 and the door aperture 28, and a lower edge seal 15 which seals between the bottom facing surface 33 of the ~~door~~ inner door panel 27 and the door aperture 28. The lower edge seal 15 is located on the sill 11.
- [26] Alternatively (see Figure 1A) the trim panel 112 is not sealed to the inner door panel 127 and water can enter the area between the trim panel and the inner door panel from the wet space. Under these circumstances the periphery 190 of the trim panel ~~190~~ is located outboard of the lower edge seal 115, and thus water between the trim panel and the door panel will exit the vehicle outboard of the lower edge seal and cannot enter the interior of the vehicle.
- [30] The lower section of the vertical shaft 124 ~~locates~~ is located in the blind hole 120 of the handle bezel 140. The upper section of the vertical shaft 124 passes through the through hole 122 of the handle bezel 140 and the through hole 121 of the trim panel 112. The vertical shaft 124 is free to rotate in the blind hole 120 and in the through holes 121 and 122.
- [37] Note that in this embodiment the features to locate the vertical shaft 124 (i.e. the through hole and blind hole) are situated in the handle bezel, as opposed to the previous embodiment where the features to locate the vertical shaft are integrated within the trim panel.

[41] With reference to Figure 4, there is shown an alternative inside handle arrangement 216 of Figure 1 and a trim panel 212. Components perform the same function as the inside handle arrangement 116 ~~and are labelled 100 greater.~~

[42] However, in this embodiment the o-ring 230 is located on the vertical shaft 224 in the area of the through hole 222 of the handle bezel 240.

[58] An o-ring 430 is located on the operating rod 417 in the area of the through hole 422 of the trim panel 412. The o-ring 430 provides a water tight seal between the trim panel and the operating rod 417 thus preventing water and moisture from entering the interior of the vehicle via the through hole 422.

[60] With reference to Figure 8, there is shown an alternative ~~sill button~~ inside handle arrangement 516 of Figure 6 and a trim panel 512. In this embodiment the trim panel 512 includes an aperture 515. The inside handle arrangement 516 includes a bezel 540, the bezel 540 locating inside the aperture 515 of the trim panel 512.

[61] The bezel 540 includes a through hole 522. The ~~sill button~~ inside handle arrangement 516 includes an sill button 532, and an operating rod 517.

[62] An o-ring 530 is located on the operating rod 517 in the area of the through hole 522 of the bezel 540. The o-ring 530 provides a water tight seal between the bezel 540 and the operating rod 517 thus preventing water from entering the interior of the vehicle via the operating rod ~~522~~ 517.

[77] Alternatively the fixing means may be a screw which passes through the handle bezel 640 and into the trim panel 612. In this case the screw and the trim panel 612 would need to be sealed relative to each other since the screw would penetrate into the wet zone. It would be possible for the screw to engage in a blind hole of the trim panel 612 and thus eliminate the need for sealing between the screw and the trim panel 612.